



MIDAS # 1656

# SILVER LAKE

TI5R5, AROOSTOOK CO., MAINE

13 ACRES



ONE TENTH MILE

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T15R5, Aroostook County  
U.S.G.S. McCluskey Lake, Me (7 1/2')

## Fishes

Brook trout

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 17 acres  
Average depth - 6 feet  
Maximum depth - 17 feet

Temperatures:  
Surface - 70°F  
17 feet - 57°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Silver Lake is a small, clear water pond surrounded by a heath bog. The heavily silted bottom has a hard under layer near shore but is very deep mud in deeper water. A beaver dam on the outlet currently maintains the water level 2-3 feet higher than normal. This dam should not be removed. Cool springs within and around the pond provide some spawning habitat for trout and a refuge from hot summer weather.

Silver Lake was reclaimed in the fall of 1999 to remove numerous species that were competing with trout for food and space. Yellow perch had become very abundant during the 1990s. Prohibition on use or possession of live fish as bait is critical to prevent the reintroduction of undesirable species. Trout will be stocked annually until a sufficient number of spawning fish are attained to support the fishery.

Access to the pond is by gravel roads maintained by industrial landowners for land management purposes. Small boats or canoes must be hand carried to the pond, as no boat launch is available.

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